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April 25, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chair, Coastal Conservancy
13330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94121

Re: Support for Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I write to support the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District's (LARPD) application to the Coastal Conservancy for funding to implement the Sycamore Grove Park Drainage B and Stock Pond Restoration project. LARPD's mission is to create sustainable, thriving habitats throughout the open space in their system.

Large regional parks, such as Sycamore Grove Park, promote the conservation of open space, the rehabilitation and protection of threatened habitats and species, and educate the public while they enjoy such valuable spaces. This project would advance the restoration of the entire drainage system, ensuring its vitality for future generations.

I applaud LARPD's revitalization efforts within Sycamore Grove Park. I thank the Coastal Conservancy for its consideration of this worthy effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Perata".
DON PERATA

cc: Betty Wilson, Coastal Conservancy Project Manager

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April 19, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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In 1998, due to transfer of density rights as part of the implementation of the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan, the "upper" southern portion of Sycamore Grove Park (371 acres) was dedicated to LARPD and placed under a Conservation Easement held by the Tri-Valley Conservancy. The permanent protection of this property helps to contribute to the chain of lands protected for their conservation values within the South Livermore Area Plan. This project will be a key factor in the advancement of the restoration of the entire drainage, ensuring the vitality of this open space for future generations.

We have been actively engaged throughout the grant process and wholeheartedly urge you to fund this grant request.

Sincerely,

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Sharon Burnham
Executive Director

cc: Betsy Wilson, Coastal Conservancy Project Manager

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Marc Roberts
Community Development Director
City of Livermore

cc: Betsy Wilson, Coastal Conservancy Project Manager

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The Friends of Sycamore Grove Park applauds LARPD's emphasis on drainage restoration as a critical piece of the revitalization efforts of Sycamore Grove Park and urges the Coastal Conservancy to fund this grant request.

Sincerely,



Keith Rothenberg
The Friends of Sycamore Grove Park
23 Diamond Drive
Livermore, CA 94550

cc: Betsy Wilson, Coastal Conservancy Project Manager